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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) PINR, TZ

SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC DATA FOR KISSINGER VISIT

REF: (1) DAR 1057; (2) DAR 1253) (3) DAR 1389

1. BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON MOST INDIVIDUALS WITH WHICH SECRETARY'S PARTY LIKELY TO COME INTO CONTACT WAS TRANSMITTED AT TIME OF SECRETARY'S LAST VISIT IN APRIL. IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD REFER TO DAR ES SALAAM 1389 OF APRIL 20, 1976, TRANSMITTING A SKETCH OF PRESIDENT NYERERE; DAR ES SALAAM 1253 OF APRIL 9 PROVIDING BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON MEMBERS OF THE TANZANIAN CABINET (THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY CABINET CHANGES SINCE APRIL); DAR ES SALAAM 1057 OF MARCH 26 CONCERNING LEADING TANZANIAN WOMEN.

2. AS PROTOCOL HONORS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PERFORMED BY THE MINISTER FOR MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT, NICHOLAS KUHANGA, AS ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER DURING THE ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER IBRAHIM KADUMA, WE ADD THE FOLLOWING EXPANDED SKETCH OF HIM AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE DATA CONTAINED IN PARA 20 OF DAR 1253.

3. NICHOLAS KUHANGA (KOO-HAHNG-GA) WAS BORN IN 1933 IN THE SONGEA DISTRICT OF SOUTHWESTERN TANZANIA. KUHANGA WAS A SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER BEFORE JOINING THE INSTITUTE OF ADULT EDUCATION AS A SENIOR ORGANIZER IN 1963. THERE HE DEVELOPED SHORT-TERM ADULT LITERACY COURSES. IN 1965 HE WAS NAMED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM AS A NOMINATED
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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, AND HE HAS BEEN RENAMED TO SUCCESSIVE

PARLIAMENTS SINCE. HE HAS TRAVELLED AND ATTENDED SEMINARS IN MANY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ETHIOPIA, SUDAN, SWEDEN, GERMANY, DENMARK, BRITIAN AND THE UNITED STATES. IN 1971 HE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES AND STUDIED ADULT EDUCATION FOR THREE YEARS AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY, EARNING BOTH BA AND MA DEGREES. HE RETURNED IN 1974 TO THE INSTITUTE OF ADULT EDUCATION AS SENIOR RESIDENT TUTOR, WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL NAMED MINISTER OF MANPOWER PLANNING (A NEW MINISTRY) IN NOVEMBER 1975.

4. KUHANGA APPEARS TO BE A PRAGMATIST RATHER THAN AN IDEOLOGUE, AND HAS DEVOTED MANY OF HIS PUBLIC APPEARANCES TO THE NEED FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVED MANAGEMENT TRAINING. HE IS FRIENDLY AND OUTGOING IN PERSONALITY. AMONG HIS INTERESTS ARE MUSIC, CLASSICAL AND AFRICAN; HE WAS AT ONE TIME HEAD OF THE TANZANIA CONSERVATOIRE OF MUSIC. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS AT LEAST SEVEN CHILDREN.
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